

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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. INDIANS KILLED DIED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Indian nationals have died/killed while in service in other countries, especially in Gulf countries;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to help the families of these Indian nationals to get compensation from the companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b): The number of Indians who have died/ were killed in foreign countries as reported by the Indian Missions/Posts is given in the annexure.

(c): The matter is promptly taken up with the concerned local authorities through the Indian Missions for expediting payment and compensation due to the deceased person from the foreign employer, after completion of all local formalities.

The Missions/Posts take up the case for expediting payment of admissible death compensation including payment of all due financial benefits accrued during the period of service of the deceased person. Death compensation and other benefits are remitted by the company to the next of kin/legal heirs directly through their banking channels or the companies deposit the amount to the Indian Mission/ Post in respect of death compensation through the courts, and the equivalent amount in Indian Rupees is sent by the Mission/Post for disbursement to the next of kin/legal heirs through the District Collector of the concerned State in which the next of kin /legal heirs are residing. When the employer does not settle the amount, the Missions/Posts facilitate the dependents to file Court case by identifying a suitable legal firm.

The Missions/Posts take up the complaints/requests of the family in all cases with regard to settlement of legal dues/death compensation and continue to follow them up till their final solution.